

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 229

By Swafford

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sandra Purcell upon her selection as the Fair Park Senior Center Women's History Month honoree.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Purcell is one such noteworthy person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, she was recently selected as the Fair Park Senior Center Women's History Month honoree; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Purcell is thankful for the loving companionship of her husband, Jim Purcell, who is the former Director of the Tennessee Technology Center and is now retired; and

WHEREAS, she is the proud mother of five children and is deeply loved and admired by her eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, a native of Homesteads, Mrs. Purcell graduated from Homesteads High School and worked as an Interior Decorator for fifteen years for Mayberry's Interiors; and

WHEREAS, after all five of her children finished college, she went back to school at Tennessee Tech University, where she earned her teaching certificate; she went on to teach English at Cumberland County High School until 2004, when she took her much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Purcell has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; she has worked closely with government officials to gain the support and funding necessary to facilitate the construction of a

new library; she continues to work with architects in planning the new library facility, as well as with the County Construction Project Manager and builder; and

WHEREAS, a primary leader of the library project, Sandra Purcell was instrumental in gaining community support and procuring financial and in-kind support from the City of Crossville, as well as local businesses; and

WHEREAS, beyond this civic involvement, Mrs. Purcell also lends her time and many talents as a grant writer and liason to the Art Circle Library Foundation, helping to raise the funds to furnish and equip the new library; and

WHEREAS, an avid community leader, Mrs. Purcell stood as Chairman of the Art Circle Library Board of Trustees for one year, and she has been a member of the board since 2006; as Chair, she served as a member of every committee, including the Building, Services and Facilities, Budget, Archives, and Search committees; and

WHEREAS, she has served on the Board of Directors for the Homesteads Tower Association, helping to oversee the preservation and promotion of the Cumberland Homesteads and its heritage, the Homesteads Tower Museum, the Homesteads House Museum, the Apple Festival, and the Tour of Homes, among other historical events and establishments; and

WHEREAS, always active in historic preservation, Sandra Purcell has been deeply involved in the restoration of both the Palace Theater and the Crossville Depot; she was also influential in the effort to save the old Cumberland County High School building; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Purcell is also an esteemed member of the Steering Committee for Downtown Crossville, Inc., in which capacity she acts as a liason for the library and works on the City of Crossville downtown revitalization project; and

WHEREAS, when Sandra Purcell is not giving her time to community projects and committees, she enjoys reading, traveling, writing, taking college courses, and watching University of Tennessee football and basketball; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Purcell is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Sandra Purcell upon her recent selection as the Fair Park Senior Center Women's History Month honoree, salute her outstanding contributions to the State of Tennessee and its citizens, and wish her much happiness in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.